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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding final Office Action. The outstanding Action was mailed on January 12, 2001 and the period set for response was three months, bringing the response due on April 12, 2001. Therefore, a two-month extension of time will bring the response due on June 12, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$195.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently herewith.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on June 12, 2001.

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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650.

An original and two (2) copies of this Petition are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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